

Graduate Studies Council AY2023-2024  
Minutes from April 19, 2024  
Meeting 6 via Teams  
Approved:

Members attending: Dr. Gerald Lucas (Council Chairperson), Dr. James Hagler, Dr. Monica Miller, Dr. Andre Nicholson, Dr. Vicky Sandoval, Dr. Ed Steigerwald, Dr. Traci Swartz (Recorder), Dr. Valerie Mercer

Ex-officios: Dr. Loretta Clayton

Absent: Dr. Kerry Garrett, Dr. Sumitra Himangshu-Pennybacker, Dr. Yaseen Alhaj-Yaseen

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:01a.m. by Council Chairperson, Dr. Gerald Lucas.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Lucas requested a motion for accepting the agenda for this date, March 8, 2024. Motion charged by Dr. Ed Steigerwald and seconded by Dr. Monica Miller. Motion carried, All.

3. Approval of the Minutes from meeting on March 8, 2024

Dr. Lucas requested votes to accept the minutes from March 8, 2024. Motion charged by Dr. Ed Steigerwald and seconded by Dr. Andre Nicholson. Motion carried, All.

4. Dean’s Report—Dr. Loretta Clayton

- a. Two policies (revised Dual Concentration and Request for Change of Program) were reviewed and approved by Academic Affairs
- b. Graduate enrollment: 438 for Summer, which is up over 100 from last Summer. Fall numbers are a bit lower.
- c. Dr. Clayton of accreditation from ~~WACOTE~~ <sup>WACOTE</sup> maximum possible for new

programs

- Dr. Vicky Sandoval for being

fellowship at UT Austin for the Summer semester

- d. Dr. Clayton is organizing a Graduate Student Commencement Celebration event for May 8 from 5-7p.m.
- e. New Director of Alumni Relations—Amy Tarpley
- f. Approx. 138 graduate students graduating this Spring (from 4/5 Schools)
- g. Next year FY 2024-25: GSC will continue to review new program proposals
- h. Nursing department plans to propose a Doctorate of Nurse Practitioner program
  - An additional doctoral program could mean a change in level for the university due to Level V being limited doctoral degrees

- i. Dr. Cantwell is retiring and event will be held on Tuesday, April 23
- j. SACSCOC reaffirmation will occur in 2025
  - Dr. Chris Tsavatewa may lead reaffirmation
  - Currently hiring for SACSCOC liaison (Dr. Cantwell